



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attn: ISSUE BRANCH
Hiroyuki FUJIMURA et al. : Confirmation No. 7321
Serial No. 09/532,153 : [Group Art Unit 1764
Filed March 21, 2000 : Examiner A. Wachtel]

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
TREATING WASTES BY GASIFICATION

Docket No. 2000_0345

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT
SUBMITTED IN PARENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 24, 2004, the Examiner did not acknowledge receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents which had been filed in the parent application and as acknowledged by the Examiner in the parent application. In addition, in the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, item 13 of the Office Action Summary Sheet indicated that none of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

It is also noted that applicants properly brought to the Examiner's attention the fact that the certified copies of the Japanese priority applications were previously filed in the parent application by the submission of the formal Claim of Priority in the present application on March 21, 2000. A copy of such formal Claim of Priority is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is noted that MPEP § 201.14(b) states the following:

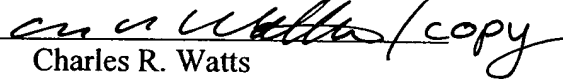
"Where the benefit of a foreign filing date based on a foreign application is claimed in a later filed application (i.e. continuation,

continuation-in-part, divisional) or in a reissue application and a certified copy of the foreign application as filed, has been filed in a parent or related application, it is not necessary to file an additional certified copy in the later application. A reminder of this provision is found in form paragraph 2.20. The applicant when making such a claim for priority may simply identify the application containing the certified copy. In such case, the Examiner should acknowledge the claim on Form PTOL-326. Note copy in MPEP § 707."

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner issue an acknowledgment in the present application that the certified copies of the priority applications were received in the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/234,634,
Filed January 21, 1999

CLAIM OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC 119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 123938/1996, filed April 23, 1996, Japanese Patent Application No. 202775/1996, filed July 15, 1996, and Japanese Patent Application No. 252263/1996, filed September 4, 1996 as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

Certified copies of said Japanese Patent Applications are of record in parent application Serial No. 08/757,452, filed July 29, 1997.

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Rule 53(b) divisional of USSN 09/234,634, filed January 21, 1999)
2. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form [in duplicate]
3. Specification comprising 39 pages (including claims 1-32 and abstract)
4. 4 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-4)
5. Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449
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